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Out for a rip

730 participants came out to the annual Poker Run at Haliburton Forest on Feb. 11, raising \$17,000 for the Haliburton Fire Services. See more photos on page 5. /TIM YANO Special to the Times



Food bank looks to Minden Hills for financial help

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

It's been difficult for many families to make ends meet in this hard-scratch economy.

As with so many people, community organizations, and even town councils, money has become tighter than normal for the

Minden Community Food Centre.

Inflation reached eight per cent in 2022 and the cost of life's necessities has become unwieldy for many people.

"Economists predict interest rates will continue to rise, as will inflation through 2023," said Don Veno, chairperson of the community food centre.

Veno lobbied for a \$10,000 grant from the Minden Hills township council when it met Feb. 9. Council will consider the request as part of the process to set this year's municipal budget.

Mayor Bob Carter said the food bank is very important to the community.

The food bank helped more than 2,600 in-

dividuals in 2022. Nearly 40 per cent of them were children under 12 years old, and more than 20 per cent were between the ages of 65 and 95 years old.

Veno said the food bank is bracing for a challenging 2023.

"It has increased in numbers significantly,

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Lax attention to infrastructure catches up

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Inflationary pressures have increased the costs of fuel and materials needed by Minden Hills' Department of Public Works.

That truth was easily shown by changes in line items in the proposed 2023 capital and operating budgets over just last year. Council was given a look Feb. 9 at what the department is working in its portion of the proposed 2023 capital and operating budgets.

The first draft of the town's tax supported budget has a tax levy of \$10,548,880, for an increase of \$829,395 or 8.53 per cent over 2022. Factoring in assessment growth that occurred last year, the opening salvo in the budget battle hoisted a 7.54 per cent increase to taxpayers.

But that's just a first draft.

As part of the 2023 budget process, council will get a detailed look at all capital projects budgeted for in 2022 but not yet completed. Trisha McKibbin, the township's CAO, said that information will be included in the next draft of the municipal spending plan.

Mayor Bob Carter said he'd like to see a total of all costs for all of last year's outstanding projects.

"I'd like to see the total amount of money that we have to spend on infrastructure/roads," he said. "Don't tell me where you're going to fund it or how you're going to fund it at this point."

"We need to have what the total is, what monies are available in reserves, what money is available through grants. We

have to then figure out what the difference is and how we're going to deal with it."

There are a number of ways to deal with it that include taking on debt to complete projects or nixing those outstanding projects.

"This is what we have to address," Carter said. "We've underspent in infrastructure for too long and now we sort of have to pay for it."

"So let's get a total of what the costs are, so we know."

The effect of changing global markets, supply chain issues and inflation have created financial pressures on Minden Hills' operating and capital budgets.

Finance Director Greg Bedard said the roads operations budget that's been prepared for council's consideration is the Public Works work plan. It details projects the department expects to undertake this year.

The document itself is formatted differently than budget outlines for other municipal departments. And that's because of the nature of Public Works and its need to be responsive to incidents.

"Oftentimes situations may require Public Works to take proactive action or to shift spending from one program to another dependent on the situation they encounter," Bedard said.

Quite simply, officials may need to change numbers on the go to address issues as they come up, he said.

"Those would be reported to council at that time," Bedard said.

One of the changes to the 2023 budget over the previous year is the equipment rental budget has been increased by \$10,000 to \$15,000, reflective of the unusable state of the

Roads office in Kinmount Yard and the need to rent a trailer for staff.

Mike Timmins, the Public Works director, said Haliburton County kicks in some money to help with utilities at the yard, but the rental is completely the township's dime.

Carter assumed the department won't rent a trailer forever. "Is there a plan for this?" he said.

Timmins said engineers will assess all three municipal garages.

"That will help us develop a plan as to how we manage this going forward," Timmins said.

The purse for 2023 will include other increases brought on by inflation. The fuel budget has risen by \$41,450 to \$225,000; the heating budget increased by \$6,800 to \$21,500; and the vehicle repair budget rose by \$16,000 to \$220,000 because of inflation and supply chain issues that makes it necessary for the township to maintain its vehicle fleet longer.

"In the last number of vehicles that we've seen, whether they be here or at county, all the vehicles have come in more expensive than what was the original plan or the original budget," Carter said.

The department budget includes \$882,193 for road resurfacing; \$311,080 for gravel resurfacing; \$242,477 to convert hard top roads to gravel; \$450,000 for the installation of guardrails; and \$200,000 for consulting plans.

The spending blueprint also includes \$20,000 for fencing at Little Gull Landfill; \$30,000 for fencing at Scotch Line Landfill; \$375,000 for final fill and closure of Scotch Line Landfill; and \$50,000 for steel plates for daily cover at Scotch Line Landfill.

Food bank needs help

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and it will continue to increase in 2023," Veno said of visitors to the food centre.

Canada-wide, food banks have seen an average increase in need by more than 35 per cent over the last two years, he said.

"With the cost of food, my only concern now is that Loblaws has thawed its price freeze on non-name food products." He fears other grocery outlets will raise prices.

The organization's Christmas hamper program marked 28 years last year. And, he said, it was by far the most expensive and of highest demand than previous seasons.

"The MCFC provided Christmas hamper foods and necessities for 509 individuals," he wrote in a letter to council. "Of those, were 187 children who also received toys."

"Christmas certainly would have looked very different for these families without our support."

The cost of the Christmas hamper program is almost \$24,000. And greater demand is anticipated for this year's yuletide season.

"Families are unable to sustain the cost of food locally as well as the cost of living," Veno said.

The township contributes \$2,000 in waived fees annually for use of the community centre by the food bank, said Craig Belfry, the town's director of community services.

Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell said the town has also been donating as much as \$3,000 a year.

"I've been sitting here for 16 years, and I don't think that number's changed," she said.

Councillor Pam Sayne said stressors have been increasing in the community.

"It affects everything we do," she said. "People's mental health, the stress levels that we're seeing when people don't have that basic food security."

Many people who used to give to the food bank have recently been needing it, she said.

Coun. Shirley Johannessen suggested the food bank contact the various lake associations and ask they inform property owners about the need. A toll road fundraiser just as other organizations do is another avenue to generate some coin toward the cause.

"Just let people know what's going on and go from there," Johannessen said.



Bunches of love

Lorraine Turcotte of Lorraine's Floral Arrangements based out of Kinmount has been busy working to keep up with the Valentine's orders in the days leading up to the holiday. Turcotte has been creating floral arrangements for special occasions, events, and holidays for nearly 30 years. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

Excellence for *Echo* and *Times*

The Ontario Community Newspaper Association (OCNA) annual award finalist list has been released from the 2022 season, and once again the *Haliburton County Echo* and the *Minden Times* have received notable accolades. The *Echo* has received the award for general excellence, with the *Times* receiving honourable mention. We would also like to congratulate

late our regular contributor, Jim Poling Sr. on his award for columnist for the year.

Congratulations to all, and thank you to our readers for your continued support.

Staff

Fatal snowmobile collision

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a fatal snowmobile collision in the Township of Algonquin Highlands in Haliburton County.

On Feb. 10, at approximately 10:40 p.m., officers and emergency services responded to a report of a single snowmobile collision into a tree on an Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Club (OFSC) Trail between Little Hawk Lake and Big Hawk Lake in the Township of Algonquin Highlands. The lone rider was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The deceased has been identified as a 37-year-old male of Lancaster, New York, United States of America.

OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionists are assisting with the investigation.

Anyone with any information in relation to this investigation is asked to call the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Submitted by the Haliburton Highlands OPP

Probe continues into cyber threat at Lindsay hospital

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Officials at Haliburton Highlands Health Services continue to work through a recent possible cybersecurity threat that affected operations at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay.

A suspected cybersecurity threat shut down information services at the hospital on Feb. 5. The incident forced the administration to declare a Code Grey just before 11 p.m.

A Code Grey is initiated at Ontario hospitals if there is a loss of a critical resource such as power, information technology, or communications.

Soon after the episode, the hospital retained third-party cybersecurity resources to work with on-site technical experts to investigate the incident.

That work is ongoing.

There has been no word that the cybersecurity incident was ransomware oriented.

"HHHS continues to work closely with our local and regional partners to support the investigation of the cybersecurity issue," said Carolyn Plummer, the healthcare provider's CEO.

"We know that RMH is working hard on the investigation and we will share more information when we are able. In the meantime, HHHS is operating based on our established protocols to continue delivering services to the community."

Plummer said high-quality patient care is the priority of the hospital and HHHS.

The hospital's systems restoration plan is ongoing, and officials were communicating with local, regional, and provincial partners regarding next steps.



Mr. and Mrs. Snowglobe pose for a picture during the 2020 Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival. The event was put on hold for a few years, but is returning with a full line-up of events on Feb. 17 and 18. /Photo submitted

Snowball Winter Carnival returns

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

It's back. After a few year's hiatus from large-scale public events, the 31st Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival will be welcoming guests from near and far on Feb. 17 and 18 this year. Sandra Rogers, the recreation coordinator for Algonquin Highlands shared with the *Times* that she and the community are "very excited" to kick-off this family friendly event once again. "It has grown from an event that used to be only attended by people from Dorset to an event that is now attended by 1200-1500 people from all over Ontario," she said.

The event boasts a jam-packed schedule, kicking off with a family skating party from 6-9 p.m. on Feb 17, which includes music, hot chocolate, and bonfires.

The fun continues on Feb. 18, starting at 9 a.m. with a pancake breakfast, and continuing all day with live music, a parade, "cardboard toboggan" races, ice hockey, snowshoe races, a virtual reality dogsled tour, a Great Canadian Lumberjack show, and much more. There will also be funnel cake, hamburgers, pizza, peameal on a bun, and a bake sale available for treats.

Having originated in 1991, the core of the carnival was to fundraise for the Dorset Recreation Centre. Now, it has evolved into a primary tourism driver for the community of Dorset, particularly during the winter months.

Entry to the carnival requires a "Snowball Button" and can be purchased at the event. All buttons are the same price of \$5 per person.

For the full schedule of events, visit www.dorsetsnowball.com.

Correction

In the Feb. 8 version of the *Times*, an ice racing photo incorrectly stated Ashley Best was in the final lap of a race. His last name is Last.

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FAMILY DAY

Minden Hills Council and Staff wish everyone a safe and happy Family Day weekend. Administration Offices and services will be CLOSED on Monday, February 20th.

WINTER PARKING

From Nov 1st to Apr 30th, overnight parking is prohibited between the hours of midnight and 8:00 AM on township roadways and parking lots. Furthermore, parking in the turning circle of a cul-de-sac is prohibited during all hours. Vehicles parked in these areas that prohibit the removal of snow will be towed away and/or ticketed at the owner's expense.

SNOW REMOVAL

Pushing snow across roads and streets is not only a safety hazard; it is also against the law. The Ontario Traffic Act states: No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, s. 181.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

When a fire occurs, there is no time to waste. That is why it is so important to sit down with your family today and make a step-by-step plan for escaping from a fire. Draw a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of every room - especially sleeping areas. Once out, Stay out!

(VIRTUAL) COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Members of the Public will participate electronically, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

February 23 – Regular Council Meeting

March 9 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at mindenhills.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. Meeting agendas are not displayed during the meeting; please download by visiting our website at mindenhills.ca/council/. Please note the live stream file/video will be available to the public for the duration of one week after the Council Meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION UP-COMING EVENTS

Join us on February 20th for some Family Day Fun! Parent & Tot: 8am, Jr. Shiny (7-9Y): 9am, Public Skating: 10am, 6 & under Stick 'n Puck: 11am. Each program is 50 minutes, except Stick n' Puck which is 30 minutes. We also have parent/child floor hockey (4-6Y) 9am, and parent/child basketball (11-14Y): 10am.

Friday March 3 – PA Day for kids. Join us at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena for some drop-in fun. 4-6Y: Floorball from 9-10a | 7-9Y: Floorball from 10-11a | 10-12Y: Basketball from 11a-1p | 4-6Y: Basketball from 1-2p | 7-9Y: Basketball from 2-3p | 13-15Y: Basketball from 3-5p Children MUST be supervised by an adult. Children will not be permitted in the gym without an adult present. \$3/child – adults are free.

March Break is just around the corner. The Township of Minden Hills is running a March Break Camp for kids. Choose single day or full week registration. Different themes each day.

For more information, please call 705-286-1936 ext. 554.

NOTICE – 2023 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence its 2nd round of the 2023 Budget deliberations during its Special Council Meeting scheduled for March 2, 2023. The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.



Lisa and Ken Boat enjoy a warm drink by a fire./ ADAM FRISK Special to the Times



A group of friends pose for a photo with Maple the horse.

Carnival raises money for community programs

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Cupid’s Carnival was a hit. The annual Valentine’s festival was held at Abbey Gardens (AG) on Feb. 11, and welcomed over 300 visitors, raising \$3000 for community programming

held at AG. “There’s something special about Haliburton county in the winter,” shared Ashley McAllister, the Director of AG. “There is so much to love about getting outdoors and enjoying the trails, the skating rink, the toboggan hill, and really everything we have to offer here at Abbey Gardens.” McAllister shared that while the event looked like a success on the surface, it’s getting harder to keep these types of events afloat, due to the nature of the facility. “As a charitable community trust we exist to serve the community, so it’s important to us that everybody in the community can attend some of our events,” McAllister said, “Donations and support from visitors and local businesses help us deliver events like the Cupid’s Carnival, and we hope to continue offering more free programming each year.” AG strives to offer events that are accessible to everyone, yet they rely solely on donations to cover the costs of each event. McAllister noted that she would like AG to be the “first destination our community thinks about when they’re

looking for things to do in the area,” so she believes that they need to continue to offer an array of events and experiences to cater to both visitors and locals. “It’s great when we have events like this, and we can celebrate all the great things we love about our community, but if we want the events to continue, we need to remind visitors to donate wherever they can,” she noted. While she realizes this is not a possibility for all those stopping by the site, she added that any little bit helps to continue to offer these programs for everyone to enjoy in the community, as that is the nature of a community trust; working together for the greater good. McAllister went on to thank all those who came out, donated, volunteered, supported, and overall, made the day a whole lot brighter. Abbey Gardens has a variety of educational and interactive programming coming up, which can be viewed at www.abbeygardens.ca/programming



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Above, visitors were able to purchase pink hot chocolate, mixed drinks, waffles, and sweet treats during the carnival, with all donations helping community programming held out of Abbey Gardens.

Left, Colleen Dermody of Haliburton shows off her heart from one of the drinks served during the Cupid’s Carnival held at Abbey Gardens on Feb. 11.



The Poker Run saw visitors from all over Ontario who registered for the race. The turnout was one of the largest on record.



Poker Run wins big at Haliburton Forest

This is the first year the Poker Run was back up and running after the pandemic, and 730 people participated. Tegan Legge, the general manager at Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve said that in the past, the event has attracted an average of 350-400 people. /TIM YANO Special to the Times

Business confidence at record low in Ontario

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) has released the results of its Business Confidence Survey, which shows that business confidence in the province has dropped to a record low of 16 per cent in 2023. This marks a significant decrease from 29 per cent in 2022, and the most pessimistic outlook since the OCC began tracking business confidence over a decade ago.

The survey results indicate that inflation and labour shortages are the main drivers of the lack of confidence among businesses.

The continued upward pressure on costs and interest rates, as well as the difficulty in hiring and retaining workers, have strained businesses and individuals. Supply chain barriers and global economic uncertainty, as well as policy-related reasons such as staffing shortages in the health care system, are also contributing to the low confidence.

Small businesses are less confident in Ontario's economic outlook than medium-sized and large enterprises, with a gap that grew during the pandemic. The reasons for their lack of confidence differ from those of large businesses, with small businesses more concerned about input costs, taxes, and the

phaseout of temporary COVID-19 government support programs.

Confidence also varies significantly across sectors, with information and cultural industries, retail trade, and wholesale trade being the least confident. On the other hand, sectors with higher confidence, such as utilities, administrative, and waste management services, have been shielded from the economic headwinds faced by other industries. Confidence is higher on average in metropolitan areas, namely Toronto and Ottawa, compared to rural communities.

Despite the low confidence in the economy, businesses remain optimistic about the outlook of their own organizations. 53 per cent of organizations are confident in their own success, which reflects the perception that businesses have greater control over their own success than that of the broader economy.

For further information read the full report here: infoqram.com/oer-2023-report-1hxj48pd90gx52v?live.

Submitted by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce



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Beyond the fluff

YOU KNOW I have to do it. It's the only time of year I can be sappy. The great news though, is that by the time this edition is printed, all the chocolate hearts in the shops will be red-ticketed to make room for Easter eggs. You might as well take advantage of that.

I am not going to get into the nitty-gritty of the history of Valentine's Day. While the origins have something to do with saints, sacrifices, and sadistic patriarchal practices, the modern-day Valentine's is now viewed with heart-shaped rose coloured glasses.

It's a fluffy holiday, and one that is often skimmed over by anyone who doesn't write greeting cards for a living. If anything, it's an opportunity to play up the power dynamic and remind partners to show "love" in some form. Usually roses or teddy bears or cinnamon candies. Fluff.

I'll admit that I have breezed past the date more than once. Regardless of my relationship status, it was just never a day that felt like it needed to be celebrated. If I was in a relationship, I felt like I didn't need a singular day to express love via Hallmark. If I was single, I opted out of Valentine's emails faster than you can say "Cupid", and buried my head in the sand until the sparkly shamrocks started to appear on shelves.

But this week, I was taught a lesson: love is so much more than the fluff.

I had the opportunity to sit down with couples in love, whatever that looked like to them. The couples I interviewed had entirely different stories, backgrounds, insights, experiences, and advice. A good reminder that there is not a "one size fits all" approach to love; it's an organic concept - flexible, adaptable, and continuously changing in shape and size.

While I sat down with these folks

to hear their stories, I was enthralled. From the first moments they saw one another, to the point they said "I do," they were sharing a space in their hearts for one another other.

This is romantic love. The stuff you see in movies and read in the harlequin stories that are tucked in the magazine rack at Rexall.

And while these couples told their stories of that romantic love; from the first spark they shared to the silences that grew comfortable and everything in between, there was so much more to it.

Love isn't just the flare - it's a cornucopia of other colours. It's friendship. It's companionship. It's shared interests. It's different interests. It's learning. It's growing. It's

listening. It's adapting.

According to psychologist Abraham Maslow, there are five basic needs for humans to survive: the third item on the list is love and belonging; friendship, family, intimacy, and a sense of connection. Love isn't just fluff - it's a basic human need.

And here is your annual reminder that you do not need to be coupled to enjoy the day. Valentine's can (and should be) celebrated with whatever makes you sparkle; your friends, your family, your pets, your kids, your plants, and/or most importantly, yourself. Through it all, it's a day to honour love, and there is no singular recipe for whatever that is to you.

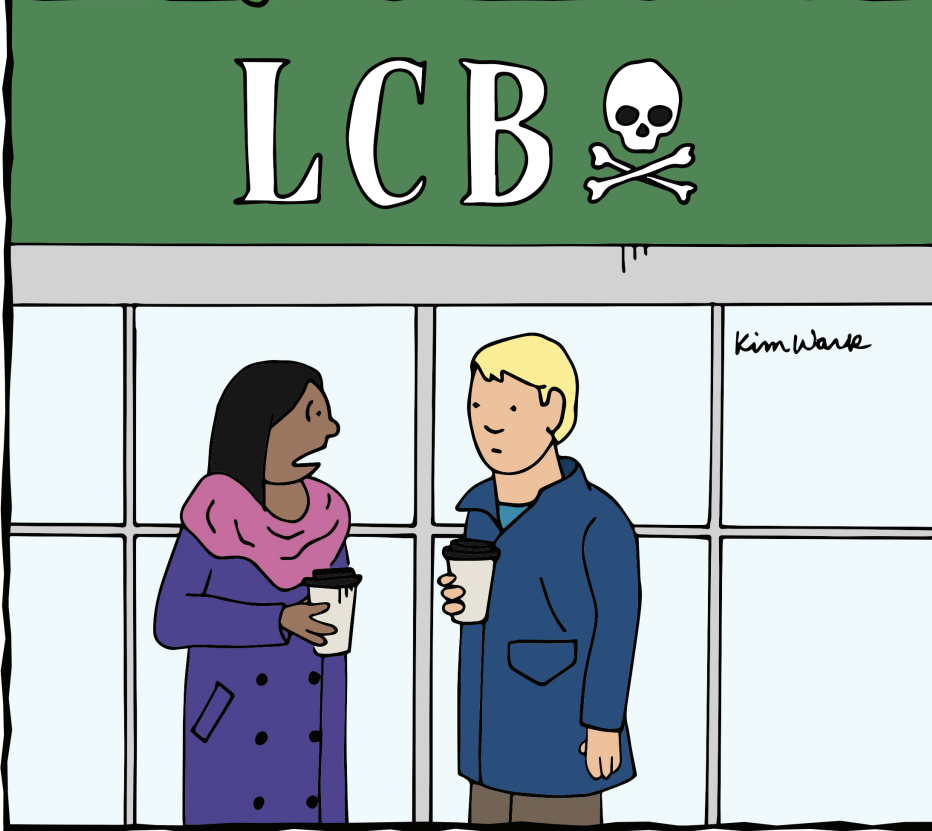
I hope you enjoy reading the stories that were shared with us over Valentine's Day in this edition of the *Times*. It was a good reminder to us as writers that the reason we do what we do is for the stories; these are the people who make our community vibrant.

And to those who celebrated this day of love - whatever that looked like to you - I hope you got a little sappy, too.



EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Kwarky



"What's next - only two coffees per week?"

Drive-through

MANY TALES have been relayed over the years about the patience and the ability to endure possessed by the successful outdoors enthusiast. But I believe that pales in comparison to that possessed by the average employee at the drive-through window who must deal with them. Those people are the real heroes.

The sad part is most of us are blissfully unaware of what drive-through attendants must tolerate. But, if you think about it, no hunting or fishing trip would be complete without a drive-through visit on the way there and back.

Typically, there is very little verbal interaction on the first visit. The outdoors enthusiasts involved are too eager to get to where they are going, so they can become the heroes they were meant to be.

The real problems begin on the way back.

How bad is it? Well, I once witnessed a poor drive-through attendant listen patiently as a veteran

outdoorsman wove an entire hunting story between the ordering a medium coffee and a blueberry muffin. It was even difficult for me to take, and I was the one telling it.

Sadly, this is their fate every day during the hunting and fishing seasons, whether the news is good, bad, or just exaggerated. That's because a drive-through basically serves as the outdoorsman's or outdoors-woman's confessional.

A typical conversation starts something like this:

Drive-through attendant: Hello, Welcome to (Place establishment name here). How can I help you?

Outdoors enthusiast: You can help by making me a regular, medium coffee, and you can help my friend by teaching him

how to use his bait-casting reel....Har! Har! Har!...

After that, the attendant is typically regaled with how the fishing day went, the hilarious hi-jinks that occurred at the boat launch, and perhaps given a presentation on the finer points of lure selection. Then he or she will be fooled into thinking that the customer is going to pay-by-phone when in fact, the outdoors person is just offering up photos of the biggest fish of the day.

The thing we should all appreciate most is that the drive-through attendant is essentially the first responder for these stories. They

are the ones who blunt the traumatic force of the tale before it ever gets home. If it wasn't for them, the family, and friends of the outdoors enthusiast in question would get the first draft, before it is refined and edited for brevity.

The drive-through attendants also take the heat for the problems we cause. If you are angry at being in a line-up, often it's not so much about slow service as it is about a long-winded

fishing or hunting story.

And while many people think this job requires little technical skill, they are wrong. A good drive-through employee must possess an ungodly degree of discipline and diplomacy.

For instance, when you show them a photo of a 2-pound lake trout you caught, they have to be able to refrain from showing you a 4-pounder they caught at the same lake. Because that's called poor customer service.

I remember this happened to me one time at a roadside establishment whose fast food and coffee I really enjoyed. It was not a big deal really and it hardly bothered me at all.

Every now and then though, I wonder if they are still in business.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Thinking hearts and flowers

It's been an unsettling week.

My two oldest children were born on Valentine's Day, two years apart. So, I had to consider whether to cancel their birthday celebrations.

Cancelling Valentine's Day has become a major issue. Some Ontario schools have banned Valentine's Day celebrations, saying they are not inclusive.

A handful of schools in other parts of Canada and the U.S. also have banned or restricted Valentine's Day activities. So have some countries, including Pakistan, Iran and Saudi Arabia.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Valentine's Day has been considered a Christian celebratory day not accepted by many people of non-Christian faiths. Buddhism doesn't directly discourage Valentine's Day but emphasizes other ways other cultivating love and happiness.

Some school principals say we live in a diverse society with schoolrooms composed of students of different races, religions and cultures. If they come from families that do not accept Valentine's Day, they feel excluded at school when other students are exchanging cards and sweets.

Their answer to avoid exclusion is quick and simplistic: Cancel Valentine's Day so no one feels excluded.

That's the wrong answer. Cancelling things not socially acceptable to all is wrong-headed, and harmful.

If we cancel Valentine's Day because some don't accept it or believe in it, perhaps we should also cancel Hallowe'en, Christmas, Easter and other events that might make someone feel excluded. Some people don't accept Pride parades, so should Pride events be banned?

Banning and cancelling have become a favoured approach by people professing to help create a more inclusive and equitable society. In most cases their intentions are good but their actions are negative and create conflicts.

For instance, families for whom Valentine's Day celebrations have been a tradition might feel angry at being deprived by a minority that does not share their views.

Backlash from such situations has created toxic anger – even hatred – against some minorities and immigration. It has fed extreme right-wing theories that foreigners are taking over the country.

Right-wing anti-immigration attitudes have been moving into general populations, especially in the United States. A Gallup Poll last summer found that almost one-quarter of Americans surveyed believe that immigration is a bad thing.

We don't need that kind of negative nonsense here in Canada. Thankfully, we don't have a whole lot of it. Yet.

An Environics survey last fall found that seven of 10 Canadians support current immigration levels, which now stand at roughly 400,000 newcomers a year. That is the largest majority recorded on Environics surveys in 45 years.

That support will be eroded, however, if we continue to restrict or ban things that some groups do not support. We all need to promote ways to help us to learn about and understand each other's culture and beliefs. Especially people working with our children in our schools.

The most misguided thinking on Valentine's Day bans comes from the belief that it is a western religious celebration. There have been several Saint Valentines throughout ancient history but their stories are confusing and clouded by unproven embellishments.

The Catholic church has removed Saint Valentine's Day from its general Roman calendar, a liturgical calendar that indicates dates to celebrate saints. The church said the day was removed because aside from his name, nothing much is known about Saint Valentine.

The day became associated with romantic love back in the 14th or 15th century. In the 18th century the English began the tradition of expressing love with flowers, candies and cards.

And that's where we are today. Valentine's Day is a major commercial celebration that generates tens of millions of dollars in spending each year. Any religious connections have faded into the mists of ancient history.

There are few provable facts about Valentine's Day but here are a couple of interesting Fun Facts for Kids from the We Are Teachers website:

More than one billion cards are exchanged for Valentine's Day every year. Teachers are the No. 1 recipients.

And, 20 percent of pet owners give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets.

So let's get positive and see the day as it really is today: A day about love and kindness.

We live in a world that could use all the love and kindness that it can get.

letters to the editor

Open letter on Bill 23

Dear MPP Laurie Scott,

The 2018 "Made in Ontario Environment Plan" told the people of Ontario that "...climate change poses a serious threat to Ontario's natural areas and that conservation of these areas can play an important role in mitigating and adapting to climate change."

You and your colleagues promised to:

"... protect and enhance our natural areas, support conservation efforts, continue to conserve species at risk, develop adaptation strategies, and promote the importance of healthy natural spaces for future generations to use and enjoy."

"...improve the resilience of natural ecosystems by "collaborating with partners to conserve and restore natural ecosystems such as wetlands and ensure that climate change impacts are considered when developing plans for their protection."

Instead, despite widespread opposition, we now have Bill 23.

Bill 23:

- places increased planning responsibilities on municipalities whose budgets are already stretched to the breaking point and whose staff are often not properly trained and supported in making such decisions

- strips municipalities of the ability to hold developers to energy efficient standards in new buildings, which are crucial to meeting our climate targets

- burdens taxpayers with paying for essential services, such as sewers, roads, and other necessary infrastructure (because of the freeze on municipal development charges)

- encourages urban sprawl making residents more dependent on private cars for transportation, which will, in turn, further increase our greenhouse gas emissions

- will result in property damage from flooding and will negatively impact both surface and ground water quality

These are only a few of the negative impacts of Bill 23 in this letter. We encourage you to review Ontario Nature's recent analysis of the ecological impact of Bill 23.

Your Party says it understands and agrees that our ability to adapt to extreme weather events is dependent on resilient ecosystems and watersheds.

But the legislative action advanced in Bill 23 moves Ontario in the opposite direction.

Your Party says it embraces local food resiliency as an essential climate adaptation strategy, but targets the very land that would make it possible to reduce dependency on vulnerable and

carbon-intensive global food supply chains.

Remaining wetlands must not be developed. Ontario, including Haliburton County, has already lost too many.

- Wetlands are essential to both adapting to the current climate and weather disruption as well as storing huge amounts of carbon that, if released, would make our future weather and climate much more dangerous.

- Wetlands are among the most productive and diverse ecosystems in the world, comparable to rain forests and coral reefs.

- Researchers, Tariq Aziz and Phillippe Van Cappellen at the University of Waterloo found in a recent study that wetlands provide an estimated \$4.2 billion worth of sediment and phosphorus filtration each year, helping to keep our drinking water, lakes and rivers clean. Aziz states: "Wetlands are earth's most valuable ecosystems; these diverse and complex systems provide enormous benefits to humans and other forms of life but are often overlooked."

Wildlife needs connectivity of habitat to survive and thrive.

Bill 23 will fragment the Greenbelt.

Ontario's Greenbelt was created in 2005 to prevent further loss of farmland and natural heritage and to restrict urban sprawl. Premier Ford also promised not to "touch the Greenbelt", when campaigning for election in 2018 and re-election in 2022.

Bill 23 will not effectively increase the supply of housing, let alone truly affordable housing.

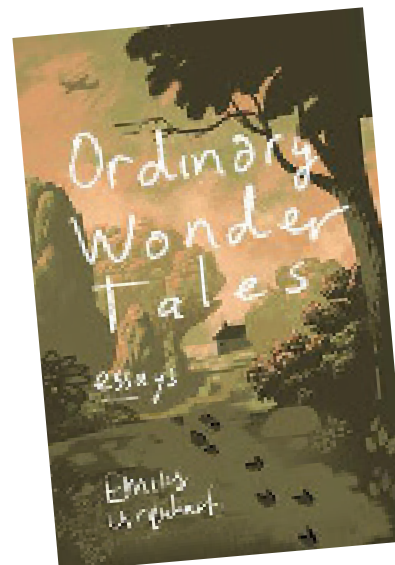
According to your government's own analysis, the changes in this legislation will only create 50,000 of the 1.5 million homes needed and promised. The bill largely ignores the recommendations of the Province's own Housing Affordability Task Force, which pushed for an end to exclusionary zoning inside cities to ensure more housing supply and greater affordability in a mix of housing types located close to public transit, existing sewer and water infrastructure, jobs and services.

Ms. Scott, on behalf of Environment Haliburton!, I urge you, as our MPP, to honour the promises and commitments made in The Made in Ontario Environment Plan and speak out against Bill 23.

**Susan Hay, President,
Environment Haliburton! (EH!)**

more letters on page 8

HCPL's Book of the Week



This beautiful series of essays, at once personal and universal, invite the reader to notice the wonder and the magic in the everyday. Folklorist and journalist Emily Urquhart subtly links together her pieces to form something of a memoir, but one that shows us how magic and lore continue to shape our experiences. Experiences of pregnancy, caring for a loved one with dementia, and living through a pandemic weave together with ghosts, superstitions, omens, and folklore. The result is a collection that expands your world and reveals a little bit of the sublime within your daily life.

Ordinary Wonder Tales by Emily Urquhart is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

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IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

Committee of Adjustment - Notice of Public Hearing

Application For Minor Variance

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:
Date: Monday, February 27, 2023
Time: 9:30 AM
Location: This meeting will be held as an electronic hearing by way of a virtual meeting.

To participate:

Join the meeting by telephone by dialing either: 1-647-374-4685 OR 1-647-558-0588
Enter Meeting ID: 883 4223 2289 and Passcode: 038234

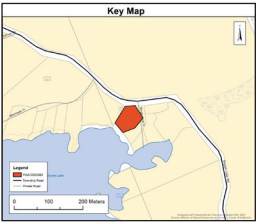


Join the meeting using a computer or smart phone at:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88342232289?pwd=NHVVeFd5UWZxbHdvMXVydUlydEEvQT09>

Members of the public are welcome to watch the Committee of Adjustment meeting by joining YouTube at: https://youtube.com/live/_NnItBYJ5Gg?feature=share

Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Hearing must pre-register by emailing dsisson@mindenhills.ca by Friday February 24th before **4:00 PM** or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before **9:00 AM**. Participants registering after **9:00 AM** will not be permitted into the public hearing.

Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the hearing as permitted by the Chair. Please note the live-stream link provided for each hearing will only be activated while Committee of Adjustment is in session.

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider Minor Variance Applications **PLMV2022082**, **PLMV2022085**, and **PLMV2022099** and the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act as shown below:

	<p>PLMV2022082 - Part Lot 32, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 2262 Soyers Lake Road and located on Soyers Lake (See Key Map).</p> <p>Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the reconstruction and enlargement of an existing deck and the construction of an enclosed area under the enlarged deck to serve as a basement entry and porch area. The effect of the application would permit a new deficient water yard of 18.2 metres for the dwelling and 18.2 metres for the attached deck, where the existing water yard is 22.8 metres for the dwelling and 20.4 metres for the attached deck, where a water yard of 23 metres is otherwise required.</p>
	<p>PLMV2022085 - Part Lot 23, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1153 Halikash Lane and located on Kashagawigamog Lake (See Key Map).</p> <p>Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the construction of a two storey, 39.96 square metre addition to an existing one storey, 84.43 square metre dwelling. The proposed addition is to be located within the footprint of an existing 91.53 square metre attached deck. The application also entails the partial removal of the existing attached deck and the reconstruction of 16.24 square metres of decking within the existing footprint for a total deck area of 57.4 square metres.</p> <p>The effect of the application would be to permit an increase in height of 3.45 metres, and to permit an increase in ground floor area of 47.32%, whereas only an increase in height of 1.2 metres and an increase in ground floor area of 25% is otherwise permitted. The effect of the application would also permit an increase in size and height of the dwelling, being a structure located in part within 15 metres of the high-water mark, where no size increase is otherwise permitted.</p>
	<p>PLMV2022099 - Part Lot 25, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1027 Quill Lane and located on Kashagawigamog Lake (See Key Map).</p> <p>Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the construction of one-storey, 95.31 square metre addition to an existing one-storey, 129.7 square metre dwelling. The effect of the application would be to permit an increase in ground floor area of 73.49%, whereas an increase in ground floor area of 25% is otherwise permitted.</p>

Additional information regarding this application will be available online. Links to meeting agendas and full reports can be found on our Minden Hills Civic Web. A copy of the complete application will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail adougherty@mindenhills.ca.

Any person or agency who is of the opinion that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause them significant prejudice, may make a submission to the undersigned, and if the Committee is satisfied that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause the party significant prejudice then the hearing will be re-scheduled as an oral hearing. If a person or agency does not make a submission to the Secretary-Treasurer prior to the electronic hearing, and the person or agency does not participate in the hearing in accordance with this Notice, then the Committee may proceed without the party's participation and the party will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

Accessibility: The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.

Privacy Disclosure: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/ made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

For more information about this matter contact at adougherty@mindenhills.ca or 705-742-2297 ext. 278

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letters to the editor

Questioning the cost

To the Editor,

Why don't the townships allow food trucks and charge them a reasonable fee? Sometimes the food truck has better food than the snack bar. Coun. Shirley Johannessen has the right idea. Quite sure some food trucks would welcome the idea.

The cost of bringing power to snack bar is eye-opening. Why was that not in the plans? This arena cost keeps going higher and higher. Just like our taxes!

Charles Gerditschke
Moore Lake

Celebrating all things Ukrainian

Dance Happens Here Haliburton (DH3) is excited to bring back Kolomeijka – a celebration of all things Ukrainian with food, music and dancing at the Haliburton Legion on Saturday February 25th.

Kolomeijka, which started as a traditional music genre in the Ukraine, has been transformed in Canada by the Ukrainian diaspora into a social dance that is considered the highlight of Ukrainian weddings and dances.The DH3 version of Kolo-meijka will feature performances by Ukrainian dancers, traditional Ukrainian food and an opportunity for people of all ages to dance.

“We are really excited to be hosting our second Kolomeijka,” states Jim Blake, chair of DH3.“In 2017, with over 100 people in attendance, dancers from the Verba Ukrainian Dance Company, backed by two accordion players, inspired 60 people of all ages onto the floor to form the circle and taught them a number of traditional Ukrainian social dancers. Before we knew it the room was whirling. It was a joyous evening.And we discovered that over one third of the people attending had Ukrainian ancestry!”

Ukrainian dancers Jenn and Paul Droniuk from Verba Ukrainian Dance Company, who performed in Heritage Ballet’s performance of the Nutcracker in 2015 and 2017, are returning to Haliburton this month to perform and teach at this event.Joining them this year will be Vincent Rees.

In addition to his involvement with Ukrainian dance and introducing people to Ukrainian culture, Rees established a non-profit organization called Cobblestone Freeway Foundation (CFF). Started initially in 2020 to assist people who were out of work because of COVID-19, CFF pivoted in 2022 to assist individuals in need due to the invasion of Ukraine.

The Canadian tradition of Kolomeijka as a social dance started in Western Canada in the 1950’s and ‘60’s. The dance begins with the participants forming a circle and then moving, usually counterclockwise, then clockwise, or by forming a spiral. As the dance progresses individual or small groups of dancers go into the middle of the circle and perform their favourite dance “tricks” involving lifts, spins, and high kicks. Jenn, Paul and Vince have years of experience of teaching people of all ages simple dance steps to enjoy an evening of Ukrainian dancing.

Proceeds from the tickets to Kolomeijka for Ukraine and other funds raised during the evening will support the work of Cobblestone Freeway Foundation.

Tickets are available in Haliburton Village at Russell Red Records and Minden at Rising Thymes as well as online at <https://KolomeijkaforUkraine.eventbrite.ca>

Event Details
Location: Royal Canadian Legion – Haliburton Branch
Doors Open at 6:30; dancing starts at 7:00 pm
Featuring: Jenn and Paul Droniuk and Vincent Rees
Proceeds will support the work of Cobblestone Freeway Foundation in the Uaraine
Tickets:\$25 per adult, \$15 per student, children and youth (Under 18) are free
For more information, visit www.dancehappenshere.com.

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A close call

Huskies forward Sam Solarino goes for the puck during a tight game against the Stouffville Spirit on Feb. 11. Despite the Huskies holding the lead for the majority of the game, Stouffville came back with a late goal in the game before winning 2-1 in OT.



Huskies captain Christian Stevens gets ready to pounce on an airborne puck. /TIM YANO special to the Times



A blocked shot against the Stouffville Spirit.

Tax season is just around the corner!

Workers that retrained in 2022 to advance their careers are eligible to receive up to \$2000 through the **Ontario Jobs Training Tax Credit**.

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- for re-training
- to sharpen their skills

Learn more at:

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The **Low-Income Workers Tax Credit** (known as the **Low-income Individuals and Families (LIFT) Tax Credit**) is a non-refundable tax credit that you can use to reduce or eliminate your Ontario personal income tax, excluding the Ontario Health Premium.

Learn more at:

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Happy Valentine's Day!

57 years built on a foundation of faith and family

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

Perry and Kay Morrison are the perfect example of how essential commitment and respect are to cultivating a life-long relationship.

The West Guilford residents have been together for 57 years, and it's clear that their love is still strong. They have held on to each other through tough times and sailed through good times.

They raised a loving family within the walls of the house that Perry built over five decades ago; five decades of sipping tea and watching the sun rise over Pine Lake in their two chairs that sit side by side.

The doors of this home have always been open to friends and family, and the patient couple offer visitors a listening ear.

"Family is so important to us," said Kay. "I think it's very important for families to stay together and spend time together as much as they can."

As members of St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton, they said their faith has always been at the centre of their marriage.

Perry grew up on a farm on the north side of Maple Lake. He moved to Bowmanville for a few years, "but I never considered that home," he said.

Kay grew up in Detlor outside of Bancroft. She attended teacher's college in Peterborough.

Perry went to public school in SS #5 in



Perry and Kay Morrison sit in their home on Pine Lake, holding up their wedding photo from 1964. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Stanhope, a building that still stands on North Shore Road.

He was one of the first teens through the doors of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School as a Grade 9 student in 1953.

"I came here to teach in West Guilford. I taught there for two years and boarded with Perry's aunt and uncle," Kay said, recalling how the pair met in the early 60s.

It was the very first place she taught after going to college. She then travelled to Sandy Lake in Northern Ontario to teach for two years.

Upon her return, they were married in

Bancroft in 1964.

Kay was 24 and Perry was 26.

Perry built their house with the help of family four years after they were married on waterfront farmland bought from his aunt and uncle.

"We started to build on July 1, '68, and we moved in July 1, '69," he said.

There were only nine residences on Pine Lake in total at the time.

"There certainly weren't all of these places when we moved here. This was a hay field," Kay said, but the two didn't mind watching the developments pop up around them.

"More people has never been a problem. We have been very fortunate with our neighbours and are so blessed with the community we have here."

Their three children, Nora, Gerald, and Jean, were all raised in the Pine Lake house.

"The lake was certainly a big part of everyone's childhood, the children and our grandchildren. They all learned to swim here," Kay said.

Perry would take them fishing, horseback riding, hunting, or help them with new projects like tapping maples to boil syrup.

Perry joked that the 57 years they've been married have been "too many," making Kay chuckle, but it's evident that the pair are more than content to be by the other's side. Between their own hobbies, they've always made time for each other.

"Perry and I do spend quite a bit of time playing card games or Crokinole together these days. I do think it's important for husband and wife to do things together, and it also keeps our minds very active."

Perry added with a smile and wink, "I'd be better if this one quit cheating, though."

Although they've been held back from some in-person activities they once enjoyed due to health reasons, they still attend Sunday church service virtually, and family is still at the centre of their lives.

"We've been so blessed with the family we have," Perry said.

Their steadfast love and unwavering commitment is something we can all learn from this Valentine's Day.

'It just clicked' - 37 years of love stories

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

It's a drizzly February day, but the environment inside Allan Guinan and Chris Rock's home is warm, cozy, and safe. The couple have been together for 37 years, and as they sit by the crackling fire with dogs curled up at their feet, they share with the *Times* their love story.

They met in 1986. When asked about their first meeting, they said simultaneously, "It was January 28." They recalled the day like it was yesterday. They had been introduced by mutual friends at a party that was held for designers in Toronto. Both worked in the design industry, and were in the process of finding their footing in a new city.

"We met at the end of January, and moved in together at the beginning of May," Allan chuckled, claiming that "when you know, you know."

They shared how they settled in together in a small apartment, above an H & R Block in the city. "There was a rooftop there, no, not a rooftop patio," laughed Chris, "but it was a roof we would climb on, and we hosted parties and friends up there all the time."

At this time, the two were in their mid-20s, so money was inconsistent, yet they reflected on the joys of entertaining and the rustic nature of this chapter. "We would find paintings that were dumped on the side of the road and bring them back to the apartment," recalled Allan, "it was an eclectic style, but it was fun. We made it a cute little home for us."

Allan was originally from Winnipeg, and settled into Toronto in 1985, and Chris immigrated to Canada from England in 1982 – just as a recession was hitting. The couple claim



Chris and Allan celebrate Valentine's with their dogs Jambo and Ido. The couple have been together for 37 years, and are looking forward to many more. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

that the shared experiences of settling into a different community was something that made their relationship stronger. "We both had different backgrounds," said Chris, "but we had shared experiences, and similar family values, so it just clicked."

After settling into their first home in Toronto, the two began to brainstorm ways in which they could find an "escape." They both valued the hustle and bustle of the city for their social lives and career paths, but dreamt of an opportunity to find tranquility elsewhere.

"It was either take up sailing or find a cottage," laughed Allan. And apparently, after one sailing lesson, it became very apparent that a cottage was the right direction. "We had a list of everything we would want on a cottage property; rocks, a quiet lake, big trees, lots of privacy," said Chris. "We made the list, and then sort of forgot about it, then,

once we had settled into our cottage, we found it again, and realized that what we had found, it checked every single box."

The two shared that finding the cottage was serendipitous. They had a friend from a shop they frequented who knew of some properties in the Haliburton region. Upon going up to visit, the property they bought was the second one they saw. It was love at first sight.

The property went on to be the spot Allan proposed to Chris, right after gay marriage became legal in Canada. They were married in 2006, at the Domain of Killien on Drag Lake. "I knew this was something I always wanted," said Allan, "I knew I wanted to be married to someone, to be this level of committed to someone, but for the first time, this was actually possible. Now, we could actually be recognized just like any other couple in love." They shared that for many of their guests, their wedding was one of first gay

weddings they had ever attended, and the feedback they received was that it all just felt so natural. "For the first time, our families were meeting our friends, and seeing us all together, and everyone said that it just looked like the perfect natural step, after so many years together," Chris recalled.

Allan echoed his sentiment. Having come from a Catholic family, Allan's journey wasn't always smooth. He shared that while his family loved and supported him, the idea of him marrying another man was a difficult hurdle for some members of his family to overcome. Yet, seeing the joy he and Chris shared on their wedding day helped remediate those concerns. It was love, through and through.

The couple turned their old cottage into a full-time residence in 2017, and have lived there ever since; leaving behind the city, and opting for hikes, skiing, and entertaining on their home that overlooks a quiet lake. Their advice to others in love is that a good relationship takes hard work, perseverance, and commitment. As the two look back on their nearly forty years of highs, lows, and growth together, they beam with admiration, support, and love for one another. "Our shared history becomes precious," smiled Chris, "we have a full bank of memories together."

Happy Valentine's Day!

Love through the ages

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

True love isn't always linear. Even if the love exists as a tiny seed, sometimes it takes years to blossom into something bigger.

That was the case for Gavin and Danielle Hicks. The couple were engaged in 2013, and married in 2014, before having their first child in 2016, and second in 2018. "I have my dream family, dream husband, dream house, dream job, what more could I ask for?" laughed Danielle, as the couple sat with the *Times* during a rainy Thursday afternoon; sipping steamy coffees and reminiscing together.

But it wasn't always easy. Gavin and Danielle first met thirty years ago, when they attended Archie Stouffer School together. "I don't remember this, but my mom says I came home the first day I met Gav, and said to her, 'mom, I am going to marry him!'" shared Danielle.

Gavin echoed a similar sentiment. "I think it's safe to say that I fell in love with her in Grade 6. When we first started having dances at school. She would always be running around, dancing with everyone, and every so often she'd pop over and ask me to dance with her."

The two laughed that while they both knew they loved one another, even from a very young age, they were completely different people, and still are. "I am outgoing and kind of had a wild chapter," shared Danielle, "and Gav was always quiet, but he is so good. Just one of those people that's genuinely so good, right down to his soul."

After being the best of friends from kindergarten to Grade 12, they finally had their big chance to click as a couple during prom in high school. "I remember sitting in health class at Hal High, and I passed Gav a hand-written note that just said 'who are you going to prom with?' and he sent me one back that just said 'YOU!' in all capital letters."

While they shared a small kiss at prom, their lives started to shuffle around shortly after as they prepared to move on to post-secondary education, and leave the comfort of the Highlands behind. They both attended Algonquin College, Danielle for photography and Gavin for electrical engineering. During this time, they stayed best friends, and spent all their time together, but both alternated having different partners and priorities. "We still knew we loved each other, but also knew the timing wasn't right," said Danielle.



Naia, Danielle, Rome, and Gavin Hicks are settled into the Haliburton Highlands for good now. /Photo by Eleanor Dobbins

In 2009, after college, Danielle traveled to Australia to continue exploring. During this time, the friends stayed in touch, talking daily and realizing more and more that they missed one another.

Upon returning to Canada in 2010, Danielle was surprised when Gavin picked her up at the airport. "I wasn't expecting it, but he just looked at me, pointed, and said 'You and me. We're doing this,'" she shared. "I knew I had to do it," Gavin echoed, "I knew if I didn't, I would lose her again. And I knew I didn't want that."

The two naturally shifted from best friends, to partners, and began to take life head-on together. "It was such a relief to just know we were together," Danielle said. "I could finally just tell everyone how much I really loved him."

After getting together, the two moved back to Ottawa to return to school, before settling in Toronto for Gavin to do his electrical engineering apprenticeship. It was here that their relationship continued to be tested. "I knew I didn't want to be in the city. I had this vision of what I thought we could have there, but I was miserable." Shortly after getting engaged, Danielle moved back to Haliburton to plan the wedding, while Gavin stayed in Toronto to finish up his apprenticeship.

The two were married at Gavin's family home, and celebrated the wedding at Sir Sam's Ski Hill. Yet, Gavin was still working in Toronto, and Danielle was in the process of developing her own business, Danielle Meredith Photography, out of Haliburton.

"There were some tough times," she shared, "I was going back and forth to the city on weekends, and for the first little bit, after we had Rome [their son], I was doing the parenting on my own through the week."

Yet, the two held strong; adamantly supporting one another's dreams, goals, and overall happiness. After a few years of long distance, Danielle and Gavin have now settled into the community for good, and have no plans of leaving any time soon. Their two kids - Rome and Naia - are involved in hockey and dance, and they have a support system who they rely on for many things. "We couldn't do this all without our core friend group and families," said Danielle, "we are lucky to have them here."

When asked about advice for other couples, Danielle and Gavin both highlighted that communication is key. With two businesses, young kids, and constant changes, they shared that trust and open dialogue make their relationship tick. They also identified that their support groups - families, friends, and colleagues - make their lives a lot brighter.

Throughout the duration of the interview, the two held eye-contact; laughing at one another's jokes, and celebrating how far they've come together. While it hasn't always been easy, it's clear that it's always been love for Danielle and Gavin. From the early seeds of love thirty years ago at the Archie Stouffer playground, to full lives as parents and business owners here in the Haliburton Highlands, their love has only continued to blossom and grow, together.

Healthy relationships start with you

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

"We cannot be more connected to others than we are with ourselves," said Brené Brown, a world renowned social worker and American professor.

This is the approach Nancy Brownsberger takes when speaking with her clients about forming healthy relationships, an important message to hear this Valentine's Day.

Brownsberger, from Eagle Lake, is a registered social service worker who offers counseling/therapy through her practice, Grow Optimism.

"We can't have healthy relationships with others until we first have one with ourselves," she said. "One of the most important things that I like my clients to understand is their relationship with themselves; how they value themselves, how they're able to show up and express their needs and boundaries."

She outlined how many individuals make the mistake of depending on one partner to fulfill all of their needs.

"Not just one single person can meet all our needs. We need to meet our own needs, too," Brownsberger said. "Learning how to communicate our needs and hold space for ourselves in a gentle way is so important in relationships."

One of the best ways to do this is to establish a loving relationship with yourself before starting a long-term commitment with another person.

"The greatest thing for young adults, before you get into a relationship, is to learn who you are, what your needs are, and learn how to take care of yourself and express your emotions and your boundaries."

For those already in relationships; "We need to have a reservoir of connection in our lives, whether that be with family, friends. We have to be really aware of the limitations with our partners."

Practicing integrity in any relationship is key to building trust. Our actions have to match our words.

Knowing and accepting that with different life events will come variations in relationships is important, too. Relationships aren't linear.

"Each of us in a lifetime are going to deal with a lot of different things; grief, crisis, pain, and it's important to allow for our connections to ebb and flow during these times," said the local life coach.

Sometimes you will be in the supportive role, and other times your partner will be supporting you.

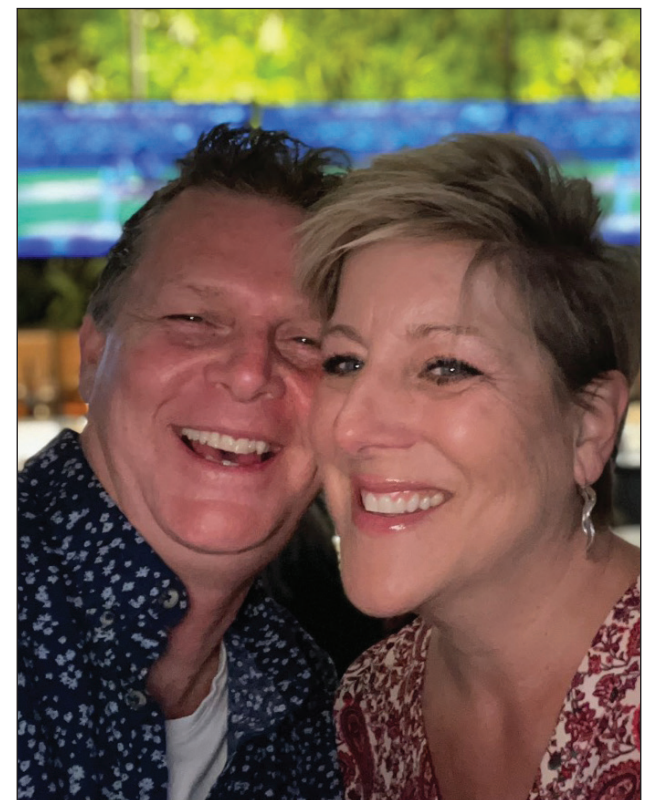
Brownsberger and her husband, John Petrie, have been together for 37 years. Not only has she learned these things about love, she has also lived and experienced how critical they are first-hand.

She said laughter really is the best medicine and can bring us closer together.

"The number one thing in a 37 year relationship is humility and humour. The ability to laugh together is really important."

She recommended the *Book of Boundaries* by Melissa Urban and *The Love Prescription* by John and Julie Gottman for those already in relationships and seeking to strengthen them.

Compassion goes a long way, and "our capacity to have any authentic relationship is dependent on our ability to have some self-awareness."



Jon Petrie and Nancy Brownsberger have been together for 37 years. /Photo submitted

Why Your Opinion Matters

TOURISM MATTERS



You may have seen the recent Resident Sentiment Survey (RSS) that was shared online in December. Over the next few months, we will use this space to provide details about the findings of this survey and how it assists us in making decisions for the development of tourism in Haliburton County. In this second installment of six, we look at community-based tourism – what it is and why it matters.

Community-based tourism is one of the most significant parts of the tourism industry and key to destination sustainability. Despite their importance, communities are often overlooked in tourism, something we are looking to change here in Haliburton County. We believe tourism should serve as a tool to improve destination development and locals' quality of life.

The Destination Management Plan (DMP), supported by the recent RSS and the answers we received as part of it, identified community-based tourism as a way to sustainably and responsibly build the Haliburton Highlands as a year-round destination, encouraging deeper connections between residents (both permanent and seasonal) and visitors, while also promoting environmental protection, social responsibility, and the enhancement of livelihoods.

Research shows that visitors don't return to the same destination to feel like tourists. They return because they want to feel like they're part of a community. They are also looking for authentic experiences that create benefits locally. Optimizing a visitor's connection with the local community is the foundation for any DMP, and it is integral to the community-based tourism model that we are working to implement.

Some of the benefits of this type of model are:

- Facilitates local employment
- Directly benefits locals financially
- Is relatively easy to develop with the right network
- Creates and empowers resilient and strong communities
- And many more

In the RSS, one of the questions centred on what activities respondents had engaged with in the Haliburton Highlands over the last 12 months. Going out to a restaurant or bar, visiting local shops, using lakes and waterways, using a trail, and visiting an artist studio were among the top results, which is no surprise. These are also the activities visitors to our community appreciate and engage in. The community-based tourism model amplifies, enhances, supports, and builds upon these common interests.

Here are a couple of comments we received as part of the RSS that support involving the community more as we look to grow and enhance the visitor economy in a responsible manner:

"The Haliburton Highlands need to put a lot of effort into finding its identity and getting residents to understand & appreciate the value of visitor tourism. Haliburton feels like a county that doesn't really know what it is. Residents need to understand that they are an important part of making Haliburton a destination. People make the place what it is; people make Haliburton."

"I think the Highlands is a wonderful treasure, and we need to be careful to develop the tourism with long term sustainability (both ecologically and from a business sense) in mind." People want to visit a destination for the exact same reasons that people want to live in a destination. Only through deep development of Haliburton County as a year-round tourism destination in concert with the community can meaningful competitive advantages be developed.



Stay tuned for more details on the survey feedback, including what we've learned and how we plan to put that information into action. In the meantime, if you have any questions at all, please get in touch with Tracie Bertrand, Manager of Tourism for Haliburton County, at tbertrand@haliburtoncounty.ca.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Love birds

Dave Porter and Hannah McGregor, Main Street in Minden, engaged on Christmas Eve, 2022 and together since 2019. /Submitted



Ed and Sue Yallop, married for 25 years. /Submitted



Kieran and Kayla Gillooly, together for 17 years and married for 11. /Submitted

See next week's County Life for more couples photos

The Devil MAID me do it...

I THINK ABOUT death quite a bit these days. I find myself comparing deaths in much the same way as, in earlier days, we considered the choices people made about getting married: what kind of event was it? a quiet ceremony in an officiant's office? A week-or-longer series of lead-up events that collectively involved a cast of hundreds and culminated in a blow-out extravaganza? An intimate and tasteful affair at an exotic location? A friends-and-family get-together that involved food, drink and a full range of reminiscences?

I'm not talking about the funerals or Celebrations of Life; I'm talking about the actual passage through the portal from life to what comes after. Because that's what will be in my experience – the follow-up social event is for those left behind. I'm thinking and talking about it because I would like to have a Good Death for myself, but also for those I love.

So what's a Good Death? Well, that's the question, isn't it? And the follow-up question is what can I do about it?

We're probably all in agreement is that a Good Death is waking up dead the morning after completing a lovely, lively life, hopefully as a reasonably attractive corpse, not too messed up by the transition. I'd choose a massive one-time heart attack if it were on the menu: a widow-maker, they used to call that, because it was unexpected and couldn't have had a different outcome even if any of the interventions we have come to expect to stave off death had been applied. For

the left-behind, no guilt, no prolonged self-castigation about coulda-shoulda-woulda. Perhaps a Didion-type Year of Magical Thinking grieving following.

I'm much more encyclopedic about the death I do not want. I do not want a long runway that engages the full panoply of medicine and slowly chews at the lives of those who care for me. Once I realize my party is over, I want to get my coat and hat, give my thanks and say my goodbyes, and take my leave. Hmm, that sounds like Medical Assistance in Dying, MAID. Such an interesting acronym; I imagine an impeccably-mannered servant wearing a sky blue uniform with a starched white apron, presenting a work-of-art cocktail at a tasteful event at which my nearest and dearest chat intelligently and amiably with each other in my presence, practicing for my absence.

The worm in the bud, of course, the thing that may deform this beautiful blossom, is figuring out when the party is over. If I'm lucky, there'll be a proficient and charming bar-tender with an endearing accent announcing "Time, gentlemen (I'll forgive the genderism), please", and I'll finish my drink, gather what I brought with me and head out the door into a friendly and familiar night.

But what if, by then, I'm deep in my cups and can't comprehend what he's saying? What if I get argumentative and they need to call the bouncer and escort me out, fussing and fuming and threatening to defend my rights in the highest court in the land? What

if they summarily chuck me out the door, kick me to the curb, dump me in the ditch?

I guess the best prevention for that happening is a) never lose control of your ability to comprehend your world (oh, wait, an ever-increasing segment of what makes the world go 'round is incomprehensible to me – starting with cryptocurrency, the meta-verse, even Microsoft's newest improvement to Word, Hydro's new billing format, and filing my taxes electronically)... and b) don't go drinking alone. That, now, is within my ambit. If it takes a village to raise a child, it similarly takes a village to have a good death. Call it community, inclusion, a sisterhood, friends and neighbours – call it what you will, but don't leave home without it.

Dr. Blair Bigham's recent book, *Death Interrupted: How Modern Medicine is Complicating the Way We Die*, published in 2022, is making a big splash – obviously he's hit on the un-MAID side of this very hot topic of having some control over how you die. Bigham's focus is the extent to which life should be prolonged when death is inevitable. Plus the underlying issue of who gets to make that decision. And ethical and humanistic concerns about taking the medical maxim of doing all that can be done to preserve life to the extent that modern

medicine makes scientifically possible. Docs can do it: should they? That's the question Bigham – a doctor who comes to the career by way of being a paramedic – explores: what's the right way to think about and manage '... the grey zone caused by the ever-expanding suite of technological and pharmaceutical choices available to doctors that delay a person from being dead dead (that's not a typo) but might do little to restore life.'

I once sat with a daughter as she gave the nod to unplugging her baby from life support, and held her while her heart slowed and the warmth seeped out of her. It was perhaps the saddest moment of my life. Sadder than having the babe be acknowledged as dead when she emerged into the world? I can't know. But I do know unplugging life support is certainly not something I want anyone who loves me to do for me. If I'm not ended by one fell blow from the heavens, I want significant input into how I go. Ding Ding, that's me calling the MAID.

Fay Martin is an emerging writer whose work in progress may be adopting a new title, maybe The Great Invisibility, as she broadens her net to include all kinds of caregivers.



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Jack's point of view

by JACK BREZINA
Special to the Times

The recent agreement on health care transfers and the attendant side deals notwithstanding, there is still a lot to be done to improve health care in this country. And while the federal government can throw some additional funds at the problem in hopes that dollars will somehow buy a solution, there is only one place where improvements to the health care system can originate. Health care is the responsibility of the provincial governments. Responsibility for any improvements or further deterioration in the delivery of health care belongs with the province, the health ministry.....politicians elected on a four year cycle and hopefully backed by a phalanx of knowledgeable civil servants.

Now, before I go any further, let's make one thing clear: health care is not free in this country. Everyone pays for it through their taxes. Basically, citizens have been "advance billed" for the convenience of visiting the emergency department or doctor's office and simply walking out after treatment. I am always amazed that is what we experience.

Politicians acquire their position and power because we have chosen them to manage things for us until the next election and we all supply the funding to make that happen.

If you do not like what is going on in the

health care system, you know where to direct your message: MPP Laurie Scott, Health Minister Sylvia Jones and Premier Doug Ford. These people and their colleagues are ultimately responsible for how well the health system works. They control the levers of change and your money, which ultimately enables those changes.

So, if you are unhappy with the hours of nursing care residents receive in long-term care facilities, or the length of time it takes to be seen in the emergency department, the introduction of more for-profit entities in the public health care system, or the inability to find a family doctor who will take you or your family on as patients, the buck stops at Queen's Park. The politicians are the only ones who can enact the changes to make these and a myriad of problem areas better.

Our healthcare system is a complicated, multi-faceted machine. It is difficult to fathom how it all works. However, when you need to access a health care service, that need quickly focuses your attention on how well the system does or does not function. Recalling my encounters, in most cases it has worked efficiently and with the right degree of care and compassion. Others may have a different experience. There are times, for whatever reason, when it falls short of expectations. Those moments highlight gaps and shortcomings that make us wonder if it is in fact a system in crisis.

I love our public health care system and the

fact that everyone has access, no matter the amount of money in your wallet. Even with its shortcomings, it sure beats what is offered in most other countries around the world. But, as beneficiaries and funders of the system, it needs your care and attention. Those who manage our – and I can't emphasize enough that it is "our" system – need to hear our concerns and they need to listen to those who

work within it. Don't give up on making it better because there all sorts of ways it can be improved. The Premier, the Health Minister and our MPP need to hear about our concerns and our expectations.

At some time in our lives, we will all access health care services. Only by caring now can you ensure the system you'll need will be there for you when you need it.



Making strides

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students competed at the Lakefield Invitational Nordic Ski meet on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Lakefield College School. To view results, visit zone4.ca/race/2023-02-08/8226e704/results. /Photos submitted by Karen Gervais

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Answers on page 15



Violet Humphries came in at first place in the high school junior girls race and Erika Hoare, right, came in third.



Olivia Humphries came in first place in the high school senior girls race.



The track held up for the Feb. 11 and 12 weekend of ice racing at the Minden Fairground. Due to unpredictable weather, updates will be posted about future scheduled races on the Ice Racing – Minden Facebook page.



During the races, spectators are welcomed and encouraged to sit on the snowbanks near the tracks, to cheer on the passing racers as they go by.



Car 147 took the lead for the first race of the day on Feb. 11.

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Ready, set, GO!

Cars line up as they prepare for the first race of the day on Feb. 11. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

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What is Snow?

by CLEM GROB
Special to the Times

This may seem like a question for a 5th grader, but when you take a deeper look into a snowflake, some questions are bound to pop into your head. Admit it, those chunky snowflakes that land on your coat can catch your eye and leave you puzzled every now and then.

When temperatures fall below freezing, water vapor in the atmosphere freezes to a dust particle, forming ice crystals. These ice crystals are always present in the atmosphere at below freezing temperatures, but they are not always falling to the ground. There must be a sufficient concentration of ice crystals in the air for them to start sticking together to form snowflakes. Once these snowflakes are large enough, their weight causes them to fall to the ground. Put simply, snow is a formation of ice crystals that have stuck together in the atmosphere.

Now this definition may satisfy a fifth grader, but a witty fifth grader might ask; “What’s freezing rain?”, or “Why are some snowflakes bigger than others?”, so let’s prepare for that next. Freezing rain occurs when snow falls from the atmosphere and melts during its descent in an above freezing patch of air. Freezing rain refreezes only upon contact with the ground, which is below freezing.

At this point we should define sleet, which forms when snow falls, partially melts (think of slush), and re-freezes before it hits the ground, creating an ice pellet that bounces off the ground on impact. Here’s how you can tell the difference between sleet and freezing rain; if you see ice bouncing off the road, it’s sleet. If the precipitation is forming a

sheet of ice on the road instead of bouncing, it’s freezing rain (and you should stay off the road).

In the coldest temperatures, snowflakes will be the smallest, because once they begin to fall to the ground, very little sticking together occurs. On the ground, this forms a powdery carpet of snow that doesn’t want to stick together. In warmer temperatures, the outside edges of the snowflake may start to melt, which makes the snowflake very sticky. It begins to cling to others that cross its path, creating big snowflakes that form into that nice “packing snow” on the ground.

Now, if this hypothetical fif5th grader still hasn’t lost interest or left, their next question might be, “Why are all snowflakes six-sided”, or “Why do all snowflakes look different?” When ice crystals are formed from a water droplet, the two hydrogen atoms like to space themselves out as far as possible from each other, without being on totally opposite sides of the oxygen atom. They’ve agreed that 105 degrees is a safe distance. When several water molecules form an ice crystal together, the new hydrogen members insist on the same spacing: 105 degrees apart. This makes the basic structure of ice crystals form into a six-sided shape every time. However, the specific details on the branches coming off this hexagon can vary according to the specific atmospheric conditions each snowflake encounters, making each snowflake different from the next. Due to the complex chemical structure of snowflakes, light is scattered throughout them and they appear white. Sometimes, the light that hits an individual ice crystal is reflected directly to your eyes, making the snowflake sparkle. This mostly occurs on cold sunny days when powdery snow (the kind where ice crystals are well separated) is on the ground.



/KAREN LONDON Staff

Invitation to HHLTC town meeting

The Haliburton Highlands LTC Coalition is pleased to invite you to attend a town hall meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

“Together we can fight back against the Ford Government’s plan to privatize our local, public hospitals.”

Guests, Natalie Mehra, Executive Director of the Ontario Health Coalition and Nurse Bernie Robinson, President of the Ontario Nurses Association (ONA) will defend the need to protect our public health care system and find solutions to the current staffing and health care crisis. Strategies will be shared about the upcoming massive, province-wide campaign to stop privatization, and how you can become involved.

For more information, email hhlcoalition@gmail.com or call Bonnie Roe 705-457-6579.

To register, go to: us06web.zoom.us/j/813f0acQ74TMEJfbW5.

Submitted by the Haliburton Highlands Long Term Care Coalition



A night at the opera

A full house for the Opera Movie Night on Feb. 12 at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. The event was coordinated as a part of their Highlands Opera youth/young adult opera club, and featured *Le nozze di Figaro* (The Marriage of Figaro). For more information, visit [@highlandsopera](https://www.instagram.com/highlandsopera) on Instagram. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

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FOUNTAIN, Carla

With wounded hearts, we announce the peaceful passing of a very special woman on February 8th 2023.

Carla Fountain was a loved mother, nana, great nana, and a dear friend. Carla was born on August 17th, 1933 and lost both parents at a young age. She was raised in Minden, ON by her grandparents with her aunts, uncles, and her two sisters, Wanda (Garnet) and Wahneeta (Lawrence). Carla's legacy will live on in her children Mitch (Darlene) and Karlan (Brent). She was a treasured Nana to Tyler (Stephanie), Haley (Jason), Todd, and Troy. She will be deeply missed by her great grandchildren Ryan, Lauren, Grace, and Liam. Carla's life was full of love and especially laughter. She was married for almost 65 years to her late husband and partner in crime, Keith (2020). Their first poolside home in Agincourt was where they shared many great times with incredible friends and family. Their fondest memories were in Algonquin Park on Whitefish Lake. They were always surrounded by wonderful neighbours and enjoyed all the aspects of lake life. Carla will always be remembered for her painted nails, potato salad and her eye for fashion. She was the "cool" Nana. She was a unique woman with too many special traits to be able to list them all. Carla enjoyed country music and playing cards but the best times were spent with her dearest friend Rosetta and her husband Harvey. These friendships were truly cherished. We would like to thank the staff at Muskoka Shores for their kind, compassionate and exceptional care.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date so we can truly honour Carla's life. She was so loved and leaves an imprint on our hearts.

To celebrate Mom's volunteering time at the hospital, donations to the Minden Site - Haliburton Highlands Health Services would be appreciated by the family.



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Peacefully, at her home in Georgetown, Ontario, after a long and fulfilling life and a brief illness. Beloved wife of Owen Jones (deceased 2013). Loving mother of Glyn (Susan Allison-Jones), Sylvia Cutmore (Jonathan), Trevor, Donna, and Diana (deceased 2010, Lawrence Isaac). Proud grandmother of 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Mourning her loss are her two loving sisters, Kay McKellar (John), and

Marion Stirrett (Donald Lange). Fondly remembered by Sharlene Coss, Sue Hertell, and Vivian Kruger. Jean's parents were John Stirrett (deceased 1967) and Marjorie McKay Stirrett (deceased 1998). Jean was born and raised in Toronto and earned a BA in Geography and an MA in Social Work from U of T, and a Master of Divinity from Emmanuel College, Toronto. Jean was a minister in the United Church of Canada. She had a deep faith that gave her strength, gratitude, kindness, and optimism that she shared with many people. Jean and Owen spent many happy months each year at their beloved cottage 'Dayspring' in Haliburton. They travelled to many places in the world and explored North America in their camper. After Owen's death, Jean continued travelling and hiking with family and friends. Last summer, at the age of 91 she hiked to Wilcox Ridge, her favourite mountain pass in the Rocky Mountains. Funeral Service has taken place in Georgetown, Ontario. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the United Church Mission and Service Fund, CASHH Cancer Assistance, or the Bruce Trail Conservancy.



In loving memory

**Panabaker,
John H.**

John Harry Panabaker died peacefully in Waterloo, Ontario, in his 95th year on February 5th, 2023. He was predeceased by his wife, Janet (née Dickson), his brother, Bob, and his sister-in-law, Dorothy. He will be missed and lovingly remembered by his children: David (Deb), James (Sheila), Leslie (Mike), Doran, and Ian (Helen); by his grandchildren: Tim, Rob (Petara), Kate (Chris), Jamie, and Sophie; by his great grandchildren: Calum (Tara), Brendan, Malakai, Desmond, and Levi; and by his nephews and nieces: Bob (Rina), Lorna, Anne, Janet (Lutz), Paul (Cynthia), Tom (Karen), and Karen (Geoff).

John was born on July 31st, 1928 in Preston, Ontario. He was a child of the depression and World War II, both of which formed his world view. He attended McMaster University where he earned a B.A. and M.A. in Economics. John loved his time at McMaster, and he remained a true believer in the value of education throughout his life.

In 1947, John began working part-time at The Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada, while he completed his M.A. in Economics. Upon graduation, John considered other opportunities, however, with Mutual Life, he came to believe he had found a corporate ethos and many personal relationships that dovetailed with his own values. After graduation, John began working full-time at Mutual Life and stayed with the company for nearly forty years eventually becoming President and CEO in 1973; he retired as Chairman of the Board in 1989. Even after retirement, John still enjoyed attending informal gatherings of former colleagues (the self-styled "Mutualists").

Mutual Life also played a role in John and Janet's romance. By chance, they carpoled to work together and fell in love. As John said, "Janet brought me something new and wonderful." In 1954, they were married at the old Knox Presbyterian Church in Preston and shortly thereafter began their family.

In conjunction with his career at Mutual Life, John was active in industry affairs through his work with the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association and the Life Office Management Association. He also served as a director on the boards of Canada Trustco, Marlborough Properties, Maple Leaf Mills, Bell Canada, BCE Mobile Communications Inc., Economical Mutual Insurance Company, and The Missisquoi Insurance Company. John remained active with several of these associations long after his retirement.

Indeed, the same is true of John's engagement with higher education—his service began during his working life and extended past retirement. He sat on the Board of Governors at McMaster University for years, as well as on the board of the McMaster Museum of Art. He served two terms as McMaster's Chancellor. He was a Trustee of the Toronto School of Theology for many years and a member of the Ontario Council on University Affairs. He also served on the board of the Corporate Higher Education Forum.

All his life, John lived contently in Waterloo County, at home in his place and his community. Here too, John took on responsibilities as President of the Kitchener and Waterloo Community Foundation and Chair of the Foundation's Council. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Orchestra Association and was involved with Freeport Hospital as a member of the board and then President. He also served as a member of the Waterloo Public Library Board.

A couple who lived their faith, John and Janet were members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Kitchener all their lives together. Both served as Elders, and in other roles, and cherished the community and fellowship they found there.

Above all, John loved his family, and he and Janet would frequently travel—even in their later years—to spend time with their children and grandchildren. John was an inveterate reader, a passionate gardener, and an enthusiastic painter. He was also a writer of diaries (for over fifty years) and author of a family history. He loved to spend time at the cottage in Haliburton.

John and Janet enjoyed the arts and rarely missed a season at Stratford and Niagara-on-the-Lake. They shared a love of music—especially the symphony and opera.

In recognition of his service and achievements, John was awarded honorary doctorates from McMaster University, Wilfrid Laurier University, and The University of Waterloo.

John was made a member of the Order of Canada in 1990.

The family is very grateful to the wonderful caregivers at Genesis Comfort Care for all their hard work to keep John safe and comfortable. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, February 15th at 11 a.m. with reception to follow at Erb & Good Funeral Home, 171 King Street South, Waterloo. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in John's memory to the "John H. Panabaker Trust Fund" at McMaster University, or to the Kitchener and Waterloo Community Foundation, or to the St. Andrew's Bequest Fund. Donations may be arranged at www.erbgood.com



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Jeremy Huffman flashes an Olympic-sized grin during competition Wednesday morning at Wilberforce Public School. The entire student body was involved in a week and a half long celebration of the Olympic spirit. For more photographs of the fun and games see page 19.

Balloons will be flying

The sound of snowmobiles and a colourful trail of helium filled balloons will be seen this coming weekend in the Highlands as the Scenic Highway 35 Association presents their annual Snowmobile Balloon Run.

This is the third year for the balloon run, a fun event that enables participants to win prizes from area merchants. The total prize pool is estimated at over \$3000. The cost to take part is \$3.

Participants receive a list of participating business upon registering. The object is to visit as many of the merchants along the Scenic Highway 35 corridor as possible before 5 p.m. on Saturday. At each stop the snowmobile rider will receive a helium filled balloon inside which is a note indicating the prize. The rider collects as many balloons as he or she wishes during the day, however the prizes contained in the balloons are not his to claim until he withdraws from the event. At that time, in the presence of one of the participating merchants, he breaks the balloons to discover the prizes he has won. The challenge lies in transporting the balloons from stop to stop along the route without breaking them.

The event will be using groomed Haliburton County Snowmobile Association trails and registration in the balloon run will provide non-members access to those trails along Highway 35.

The balloon run will be capped by a dance Saturday evening at the Stanhope Firefighters' Hall on Northshore Road. Music will be provided by the Porcupine Lumber Company. Admission for this licenced event is \$7.

For more information on the February 27 Scenic Highway 35 Association's annual Balloon Run, contact any member of the association, or call the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.



Snowmobile enthusiasts from throughout Ontario and beyond converged on Haliburton this past weekend for the first annual Yamafest. The weekend of activities included a dance, featuring Blue Rodeo, a host of snowmobile activities Saturday and Sunday, a pancake breakfast and the Royal Canadian Legion International Dart Tournament. For more photographs of the weekend's activities, please turn to page 14.

Up to 220 tons of garbage generated each day

County plans waste study

An effective long-term approach to the management of the tons of household garbage generated in Haliburton County each day will result if the municipalities endorse a proposal from the county's Environment Committee.

Committee chairman William Howe urged members of county council to seek support from their municipal counterparts for a county-wide waste management study. Introducing the proposal at last Wednesday's county council meeting, Howe said it is vital that every municipality supports the action or it could all fall apart.

When the county struck its committees for 1988, it pledged to give the issue of waste management a very

high profile for the year. Steering committee chairman Murray Fearrey called it "the issue" for 1988. This move to initiate a county-wide study is the first step in addressing a very serious situation.

Presently, waste management is controlled at the municipal level with each municipality maintaining its own landfill sites. However, the committee believes that a county-wide system could be more efficient.

Under the Municipal Act, municipalities have the authority to deal with all aspects of waste management. This is why the unanimous support from all Haliburton Municipalities is necessary to implement a county-wide agreement.

Howe said he is confident the local

municipalities will support the plan. "We have to get together as a county council and forget (municipal) boundaries," he told his fellow county council members. He said his greatest fear is that one municipality will consider its landfill capacities to be good and vote against participation.

This kind of logic might be all right in the short term, but "we have to think beyond tomorrow on this," said Howe. Eventually every municipality has to deal with the limited life spans of their landfill sites. And with growing public awareness of environmental concerns, efforts to establish new sites are costly and time consuming.

Howe provided some surprising information to illustrate how quickly these landfill sites can be filled. He said

the average person generates two kilograms of garbage each day. With a population of 11,000 people in the Highlands, that amounts to 22,000 kg of garbage filling the dumps every day. In addition, the summer population of the Highlands grows to about 100,000 increasing the garbage generated to 200,000 kg or 220 tons, per day.

In many Ontario municipalities, the waste management situation has reached crisis proportions. The process of establishing new landfill sites and meeting environmental approval takes years and costs more than many can afford. In the meantime, the present sites are filling beyond capacity.

A 1983 Masterplan for waste

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